

Basilets, and the work of Nilus was a
 weapon of
 argument useful to him in the
 continued quarrel
 with the Papacy,
 Doxopatius is known for one further
 piece of
 work, the translation of the prophecies
 or oracles
 of the Sybil Erythrea from Chaldaic
 into Greek,
 It has, of course, merely the interest of
 a curiosity;
 astrology and necromancy of all kinds
 were ap-
 parently under Roger, and clearly so
 under his two
 successors, taken with great
 seriousness at court.

A translation of the Erythrean
 Oracles from
 Greek into Latin was made by the
 Admiral Eugen-
 lus, a Greek of Palermo* The latter
 also the
 translator of Ptolemy's *Qptw®* from
 Arabic Into
 Latin; his Arabic original is lost, but the
 version of
 Eugenius remained for centuries the
 only
 form of the Optics known to the
 West,¹ The
 Arabs who preserved so much of

learning
 that was now lost **in** the West gave it
 back to
 Europe by the circuitous of Spain'
 and
 Sicily, and it was the polyglot of
 half-
 Moslem countries who were the of
 'trans-
 mission,

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 "floruit"; vMe Sternbach, p. 406 »f., in J9y«,
 Zettxckr^ xi,» 1909,
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tues, etc,, and a pcwm to him by one «**pi***
Pewpfot
of Gtranto, He is of **as Archon** ant! irtiir and*
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